

Question L-19: Section L, page 5: In regard to F-Wing "incidental asbestos," please provide approximate quantities. Is the asbestos application cooling tower insulation?

Answer: Reference Section L, Attachment L-4, Representative Sample Task, Section 4.2. As stated in Section 4.2 on Page 5, in the 5th paragraph, the cooling tower has incidental asbestos associated with the F-Wing cooling tower. As shown on As-Built drawing # 7, the incidental asbestos is asbestos sheathing above the louvers, which may be insulation. The approximate dimensions of the cooling tower above the louvers, which can be used to calculate approximate quantities of asbestos, are 8 feet by 10 feet by ten feet.

Question L-20: Section L, page 4 & 5: Section 4.2 of Attachment L-4 provides the following information:

- Total MRB space is 304,572 ft².
- MRB contains the following uncontaminated wings: A wing, B wing, 2nd floor of D wing, 2nd floor of E wing, G wing, and 2nd floor of H wing.
- MRB contains the following partially uncontaminated wings: 1st and 2nd floor of C wing, 1st floor of D wing, and 1st floor of E wing.
- MRB contains 300,000 ft² of radiologically contaminated asbestos and mastic.

a. Is the asbestos and mastic in the stated uncontaminated areas radiologically contaminated?

Answer: Please see answer to Question L-8.

b. Are the stated uncontaminated areas radiologically controlled? If yes, what are the radiological posting(s) for the uncontaminated areas?

Answer: Reference Section L, Attachment L-4, Representative Sample Task, Section 4.2. Offerors should assume that the areas listed as being uncontaminated are not radiologically controlled.

The solicitation will be amended.

Question L-21: In Section L-6, Schedule 4, the instructions state: "Level 2 Cost Elements in Schedule 4 should be used as an outline for the WBS structure." In developing our technical approach, we have identified additional Level 1 and Level 2 Elements that we believe are important to performing our approach. Can the Offeror add additional Level 1 and Level 2 elements as described in the DOE Environmental Cost Element Structure (ECES) Definitions as we deem appropriate to our technical approach as long as we also include all the Level 2 Elements provided in Schedule 4?

Answer: Reference Section L.32, Attachment L-6, Schedule 4, and Attachment L-7, Sample Direct Labor Hours Template. The offeror may add additional ECES Level 2 Elements if necessary to define or align with the offeror's specific approach. However, the offeror's technical approach must comply with the requirements and assumptions stated in the sample task.

The solicitation will be amended.

Question L-22: Instructions for preparing cost proposals. Attachments L-6 and L-7, and the associated tabs, have different margins and font size. Please clarify whether the font size for the Cost Templates are the same as the rest of the proposal i.e., Arial or Times New Roman 12 point, and 1-inch margins all around?

Answer: Reference L.29 (h) Page Description. Page margins shall be a minimum of one inch at the top, bottom and each side. Graphs, tables and spreadsheets (Cost Templates are considered a spreadsheet)

where necessary must be 10 point or larger Arial or Times New Roman font type. Attachment L-6 and L-7 will be revised to be 10 point or larger Arial or Times New Roman font type with one inch margins.

The solicitation will be amended.

Question L-23: Instructions for preparing cost proposals. Attachment L-6, Schedule 4 references various phases, does DOE want to see the WBS broken out by phase or WBS? If in the WBS, is DOE expecting to see the phases as well as the WBS elements?

Answer: Reference Section L.32, Attachment L-6, Schedule 4, and Attachment L-7, Sample Direct Labor Hours Template. Some Level 2 WBS Elements appear in both Phase 3 and Phase 4. These Elements should be broken out by phase (WBS level 1) and by WBS Element (WBS level 2). Offerors should include multiple line items for the same Level 3 WBS where the work occurs in more than one phase.

Question L-24: Proposal preparation instructions-Technical proposal- Volume 2- Criterion 2- Relevant Experience-DOE has established a relatively high value for contracts/projects between \$75 and \$300 M for consideration of a firm's experience. As many federal contracts and subcontracts have upper limits below \$75 M on the values of contracts, projects, and task orders, these experience s would not qualify under the RFP requirements. Many firms have multiple award IDIQ contracts similar to this procurement with high ceiling values, but may receive only a smaller portion of the contract value resulting from agency underfunding of the contract or competition for individual assignments. The RFP does however provide for relevant contracts/projects being performed concurrently. Three questions:

a. Will DOE consider reducing the lower range of acceptable contracts/projects to \$50 million which is more representative of contracts/projects under IDIQ type contracts including the current DOE Nationwide IDIQ contract?

Answer: Reference L.31 (2) Criterion 2 – Relevant Experience and Attachment L-3 Experience and Reference Information Form. The values specified (\$75M-\$300M) are representative of the anticipated value of the task orders to be issued under this unrestricted solicitation and resultant contract. As stated in this solicitation, work performed within an *approximate* range of \$75M to \$300M and durations of 3 to 5 years and/or work being performed or that has been performed under two or more contracts/projects concurrently may be considered to be similar. The dollar range specified is not a minimum or maximum dollar value that offerors are required to have previously performed. However, DOE included the Note in Section L.31(2) to assist offerors in preparing proposals regarding the size (value and duration) that DOE would consider similar in size in evaluating experience and past performance. Size will not be the only consideration in evaluating relevancy. DOE will also consider the similarity of the scope and complexity of the work in the contracts and information provided by offerors, in addition to size, in evaluating relevancy. Evaluation of relevancy will be based upon an evaluation of size, scope, and complexity.

b. It is correct to assume that relevant concurrent contracts/projects need not be performed for the same agency or owner or location, but only be performed within the same time frame and that several contracts/projects can be combined?

Answer: Reference L.31 (2) Criterion 2 – Relevant Experience and Attachment L-3 Experience and Reference Information Form. Concurrent contracts/projects submitted under Criterion 2 – Relevant Experience, on separate Attachment L-3 Experience and Reference Information Forms, need not be performed for the same agency or owner or location, but would be performed within concurrently. It is not clear what is meant by "several/projects can be combined"; but several contracts/projects cannot be combined and submitted as one contract/project on the Attachment L-3 Experience and Reference Information Form.

c. Will DOD consider the contract award ceiling rather than the currently completed value of on-going contracts?

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Answer: Reference L.31 (2) Criterion 2 – Relevant Experience and Attachment L-3 Experience and Reference Information Form. Offerors should provide both the “Total Dollar Amount” and “Dollar Amount Performed to Date” on Attachment L-3 Experience and Reference Information Form, Part A for each contract/project submitted. DOE will consider the information submitted on Attachment L-3 regarding size, scope, and complexity. If the question pertains to an IDIQ contract, the offeror should submit the total dollar amount of the contract as well as the dollar amount performed to date under task orders and the amount of the task orders issued under the IDIQ contract to the offeror in order to assist in the determination of relevancy.

Question L-25: It would appear that the Level 2 WBS/COA should include Items .19, Solids/Soils Containment Collection or Control (to cover soil excavation), and 0.15 Drums/Tanks/Structures/Miscellaneous Removal/Abatement (to cover the asbestos abatement). Please clarify where these two items are to be included.

Answer: Please see the answer to Questions L-2, L-3 and L-6.

Question L-26: Section L, page 83, and Attachment L-6, Cost Templates/Instructions: The prescribed Level 2 codes given in Attachment L-6 do not include an ECES code for .08.00 sample analysis. Where should this activity code be costed in the WBS /COA Schedule 4 worksheet?

Answer: Please see the answer to Question L-7.

Question L-27: Under which provided ECES category should transportation and disposal costs be included?

Answer: Please see the answer to Question L-1.

Question L-28: Section L.31, Criterion 2 – Relevant Experience describes relevant experience as “...work completed within the last five (5) years or currently ongoing which is similar in size, scope and complexity to that described in the PWS. Size is defined as dollar value [within an approximate range of \$75M to \$300] and durations of 3 to 5 years...” If the proposed relevant project meets the criteria for scope, complexity, and duration, but exceeds the upper limit dollar value by as much as 50%, can that project still be used for Relevant Experience?

Answer: Reference Section L.31 (2) Criterion 2 – Relevant Experience. See answer to Question L-24. Additionally, the offeror should include the total dollar amount of the project/contract for a contract/project and the dollar amount performed to date. It should not provide a number that is a partial amount or percentage of either the total dollar amount or of the dollar amount performed to date. The offeror should provide the actual amounts of each.

Question L-29: In Section L-6, Schedule 4, the instructions state: "Level 2 Cost Elements in Schedule 4 should be used as an outline for the WBS structure." The Level 2 Cost Elements provided include .07, "Sample Collection" but do not include .08, "Sample Analysis" or .09, "Sample Management." Would DOE consider adding these elements to Schedule 4?

Answer: See answer to Questions L- 1, L-2, L-3, L-4, L-5, L-6, L-7, L-17, L-21 and L-26.

Question L-30: In Section L-6, Schedule 4, the instructions state: "Level 2 Cost Elements in Schedule 4 should be used as an outline for the WBS structure." Costs associated with project final reports are normally captured under code 4.19, "Final Report." Would DOE consider adding this element to Schedule 4?

Answer: See answer to Question L- 1, L-2, L-3, L-4, L-5, L-6, L-7, L-17, L-21 and L-26

Question L-31: In Section L-6, Schedule 4, the instructions state: "Level 2 Cost Elements in Schedule 4 should be used as an outline for the WBS structure." Costs associated with contaminated soil excavation are normally captured under cost code .19, "Contaminated Soil Collection. Would DOE consider adding this element to Schedule 4?

Answer: See answer to Question L- 1, L-2, L-3, L-4, L-5, L-6, L-7, L-17, L-21 and L-26

Question L-32: Based on our analysis of the Sample Task scope of work, there are many requirements that must be performed to complete the task, but not all of the appropriate WBS codes were provided. Please advise where the government would like for us to account for the activities associated with these WBS elements.

Answer: See Answer to Question L-21.

Question L-33: L.32 (4) a. (top of page 88 of RFP) The WBS structure presented in Schedule 4 of the Cost Templates indicates that it starts at Phase 3, Design. However, in order to accomplish the designs for the environmental restoration and DD&R tasks in the Sample Problem, it will be necessary to conduct activities in Phases 1 – Assessment, such as initial contamination surveys and in Phase 2, such as the Remedial Investigation of the soil/groundwater contamination. Are we to show that type of work as part of Phase 3 or add the appropriate phases to our WBS and ECES? Your example on Schedule 4 seems to indicate that all those preliminary activities are to be included in the design phase.

Answer: See Answer to Question L-21.

Question L-34: The Answer to Question L-2, shown below indicates that the Level 2 elements for .15 Asbestos Abatement will be added to Schedule 4. Since ".15, Asbestos Abatement" is a Level 3 element, our understanding is that DOE will indicate which of the current Level 2 elements identified on Schedule 4 are to include the Asbestos Abatement Activity. Is that Correct?

Answer: Section L.32, Attachment L-6, Schedule 4, and Attachment L-7, Labor Hour Template, In order to keep the WBS structure consistent with the ECES Codes, ".15. DRUMS / TANKS / STRUCTURES / MISCELLANEOUS REMOVAL / ABATEMENT" will be added to Section L.32, Attachment L-6, Schedule 4, and Attachment L-7, Labor Hour Template. The offeror should add level 3 WBS codes (including ECS code ".15.04 ASBESTOS ABATEMENT") as necessary to align with the offerors technical approach. This is a correction to the answer posted to Question L-2.

REVISED Question L-2: Section L, Attachment L-6, Schedule 4: Since asbestos abatement is included in the scope of the sample task, we assume WBS 4.15, which includes asbestos abatement, should be included in Schedule 4. Please confirm this assumption is correct.

Answer: See answer to Question L-34.

Question L-35: Section L, Attachment L-6, Schedule 4: We believe that WBS 4.16, Air Pollution/Gas Collection and Control, should be included in Schedule 4. Please confirm this assumption is correct.

Answer: See answer to Question L-21.

Question L-36: Section L, Attachment L-6, Schedule 4: Since training will be included in the sample task, we assume WBS 8.01 should be included in Schedule 4. Please confirm this assumption is correct.

Answer: Section L.32, Attachment L-6, Schedule 4, and Attachment L-7, Labor Hour Template will be modified to add "8.01 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, SUPPORT, AND INFRASTRUCTURE".

The solicitation will be amended.

Question L-37: The deliverable list outlined in Section L prescribes an Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (#12); and according to the ECES Microsoft training manual on the how to use the ECES states that the RI/FS is recommended to be in Level 1 Phase 2 (Study); however, the RFP does not have Level 1 Phase 2 outlined in the WBS; therefore, which Level 1 Phase would the government want to have the RI/FS?

Answer: See answer to Question L-21.

Question L-38: The 2nd level WBS for asbestos abatement is 15.04, however, the second level wbs was not specified on schedule 4. Does DOE wish for the contractor to add an other column in one of the specified level 2 wbs elements.

Answer: See the Answer to Question L-34.

Question L-39: Reference: RFP page 78, paragraph 3, "Foldouts or charts, tables, diagrams, or design drawings shall not exceed 11x17 inches." **Question:** Will a fold out, one 11x17, be counted as one or two pages?

Answer: Reference Section L.29 (e) and Section L.29(h). Section L.29 (e) Page Count Exceptions states that that "Schedules provided with the Sample Task" will not be counted towards the page limitation for the respective volume [Volume II]. Therefore, an 11x 17 schedule foldout will not be counted as a page towards the page limitation specified for Criterion 1 and Criterion 3, combined. Section L.29(h) states as follows: "Foldouts may only be used in the Technical Volume [Volume II] for schedules" and foldouts shall not exceed 11 x 17 inches. Therefore, the 11X17 inch page(s) can only be used in Volume II for schedules. However, in accordance with Section L.29(h), 11 X 17 inch pages/foldouts "may be used in the Cost Volume [Volume III] for schedules, large tables, charts, graphs, diagrams, and other schematics." Therefore, flow charts and tables on 11 x 17 inch foldouts are permissible in Volume III. There is no page limitation to Volume III.

Question L-40: **Reference:** RFP page 87, Criterion 4 – Relevant Past Performance - Offerors may provide a listing only of (1) name of the entity for which a questionnaire is being provided, e.g. offeror's name, subcontractor name, member of LLC, etc.; (2) client point of contract; and (3) Contract Number and any other identifying information. This listing can be provided as a separate submittal in Volume II, Criterion 4. The listing is excluded from the page limitations and will not be evaluated. It will be used to align the information provided regarding Attachments L-4 received from client point of contacts. Offerors should ensure that Attachments L-4 are provided to the client points of contact for the contracts identified on Attachments L-3 **Question:** Could the DOE confirm that the reference attachment should be Attachment-L-5 which is the Past Performance Questionnaire? Attachment L-4 is the Sample Task.

Answer: Reference L.31 (4) Criterion 4 – Relevant Past Performance. The Attachment referenced in Criterion 4 should be Attachment L-5 Past Performance Questionnaire, not Attachment L-4 Representative Sample Task.

The solicitation will be amended.

Question L-41: Is it acceptable to use variations of the Arial font, i.e., Arial Narrow, Arial Black...?

Answer: Reference Section L.29 (h). Arial Narrow, Arial Black or other variations of the Arial font are not a permissible font type; Arial or Times New Roman font types are permissible font types. Section L.29 (h) states "Graphs, tables and spreadsheets where necessary must be 10 point or larger Arial or Times New Roman font type. All other text must be typed using 12 point (or larger), single-spaced, and using Arial or Times New Roman font type."

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Question L-42: L.31, Page 85 Criterion 4, Attachment L-5. If offerors and/or team subcontractors plan to use the same projects or contracts for Criterion 2 as submitted for the small business solicitation (DE-SOL-0000524) for relevant experience, can responses to past performance questionnaires submitted for the SB solicitation be used to satisfy Criterion 4 of the unrestricted solicitation? This would avoid asking these same clients for duplicative information.

Answer: Reference L.31 (4) Criterion 4 – Relevant Past Performance. The Past Performance Questionnaire must be submitted directly from the client point of contact to the government for this solicitation, DE-SOL-0000638. Offerors are responsible for ensuring that the client point of contact completes and returns the Past Performance Questionnaire to the Government.

Question L-43: L.32 (8) b. (vii) (page 91 of RFP). This section indicates either Primavera or MicroSoft Project can be used to present the schedule. However, in Section L.31, Instructions for Technical Proposal, Criterion 1 on page 83 under the last bullet, states that the schedule must be Primavera. What software are we to use for the schedule for this Proposal?

Answer: Reference L.32 (8) and L.31 (1) Criterion 1 – Technical and Management Approach (Sample Task). The schedule may be provided in Primavera or Microsoft Project.

The solicitation will be revised.

Question L-44: Do we need to submit the small business subcontracting plan referenced in RFP Section L.30 (b)(11), p 81 of 98, with the proposal?

Answer: Reference L.30 (b)(11). A Small Business Subcontracting Plan is required to be submitted with the offeror's proposal and in accordance with Section I clause entitled FAR 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan, Alternate II. A Small Business Subcontracting Plan is not required if the offeror is a small business concern.

Question L-45: Section L.29 (h). This section specifies that graphs, tables and spreadsheets where necessary must be 10-point or larger Arial or Times New Roman. This section also specifies that 12-point or larger Arial or Times New Roman "font type" are to be used for text. It also states that use of bold-faced type are acceptable. Therefore, we assume that "font type" refers to typeface meaning the family of fonts associated with that type of font - e.g., bold, italics, black. It would also refer to Arial Narrow, which is the same typeface. Arial Narrow is not appropriate in text, but we assume that its use in graphics, tables and schedules conforms to this font type requirement. Is our assumption that "font type" refers to typeface correct?

Answer: See answer to Question L-41.